

To whom it may concern,

My name is Elliott Louis Koivisto, I am twenty years old, and I live in Oregon. I have recently been informed of the FCC's new proposals on stricter regulations concerning many Christian Radio Stations. I must admit that my heart has been thoroughly hurt and frustrated as I read through all of the different proposals. I strongly disagree with the necessity of any one of the regulations and feel that it is simply an attempt to tyrannize our religious freedom and our freedom of speech. Under the first amendment, do we not have the right to practice and exercise religion? Do we not have the right to freedom of press? Do we not have the right to freedom of speech? For the sake of evidence and consultation I would like to quote the first amendment:

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people to peaceably assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances."

-The United States Constitution

I do not know if I truly need to say anything else except that our country's constitution says what it says and the FCC's regulations will be in direct violation of the constitution. The Christian Radio Stations I have listened to have really changed my life. They tell a clear, pure, untainted message about the Gospel, yes, and for that I am thankful that I get to hear it, because it has changed my life. Not a single person has ever been forced to listen to any of these stations so how can the FCC be allowed to force these stations to broadcast things that might be contrary to their desired and original message. We as Americans have the undaunted pleasure of freedom to religion, speech, and press, how can we strip from our American brothers that which is so precious to our selves and which is the reason by which we call ourselves Americans. I am not Chinese, I am not Russian, I am not Iraqi, I am not Somali, or any of the many other countries to which you are not allowed freedom of speech, religion or press, I AM AN AMERICAN. And God willing, by His blessing, I hope to stay one the rest of my life, free, undaunted, unhindered, unchallenged, strong-willed and blessed beyond anything that anyone could ever imagine.

Many of these stations that are trying to be silenced in their message, its content and quality are supported financially by their listeners, not by the government or by any other sponsor. They are purely supported by their listeners, and the FCC's wishes impose threat not only to the radio stations themselves, but also greatly to Americans who by their own free will, have invested and sacrificed their hard-earned finances into these stations. Much like stock holders, they have invested in something they believe in, in a greater good and those "stock holders" those great "investors" have every right to be consulted before their finances which were invested into these radio stations under pure intentions and belief in what a radio station is doing will be forced beyond their will to comply with regulations that are clearly unconstitutional. The FCC has only to gain when they themselves have no place or right to say what these radios stations can or can not do. I hope my message has been said clearly and I hope you all know that I do not hate a single

person at the FCC, but I desire to be free and to love my Jesus without hindrance and “nay say” from anyone who lives and enjoys the same freedom I do. Thank you for your time, and God bless you in your endeavor to find a final decision.

Sincerely,
Elliott Louis Koivisto